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that by a fairly good broadening of the sales tax base, we can lower the rate and we can address some of the major fiscal problems that we are now experiencing. I think that Senator Brashear is entitled, and should be allowed to make that argument to the Legislature as a whole. He will, at the moment, I think, only be able to do that if we are able to move beyond the cigarette tax issue. It is possible that Senator Brashear will be able to suggest to us that if we broaden the sales tax base sufficiently, that we would not be required to have, in our considerations, an increase in the cigarette tax base...or in cigarette tax rates. Perhaps you will find that attractive. Perhaps that is something that you would rather do. Maybe you would rather broaden the sales tax base rather than increase the cigarette tax rate for a part of the resolution of our fiscal difficulties. At any rate, as I've suggested, Senator Brashear, I believe, is prepared to make, not only the argument for a sub...for a broadening of the sales tax base, but also the argument that if we do as he suggests we would not have to do a cigarette tax increase. I hope that we can come to a point where Senator Brashear is able to make that argument to you. And we can only do that if we're able to move off the third division, the...the cigarette...cigarette tax division. So I would hope that you would defeat Senator Chambers' motion to reconsider, and that subsequently we could then move to adoption of the third division, even though Senator Brashear would later suggest that it be struck. That may seem a little bit odd in procedural terms, but we would...I...I think we would have to go forward on that basis.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: But, thank you, Mr. President. And we will see what, I guess, what advocacy Senator Chambers can bring to this issue, and whether he, like I, believe that it is worthwhile to consider a broadening of our sales tax base.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, although Senator Wickersham went away over the noonhour and came back converted, I'm the same as I was before I left, except